

GOOD RAINS IN NEBRASKA

Copious Showers Fall All Over the Antelope State.

JOYOUSLY WELCOMED BY THE FARMERS

Much Needed Moisture Puts New Life Into the Corn and the Outlook is No Good for a Fine Crop.

CULBERTSON, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—The intense heat and drought that has prevailed here for some time was broken last evening by a heavy rain which began to fall about 4 p. m. The ground is thoroughly soaked and the rainfall will be of incalculable benefit to the corn crop, which began to suffer from the drought and heat. Wheat around Culbertson is averaging about fifteen bushels to the acre.

WEST POINT, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Another copious rain fell last night, which will be of incalculable benefit to early planted corn. Old farmers claim that corn is somewhat hurt and in some instances cannot be benefited by rains, but the general opinion seems to be that the rains of the past few days have practically saved the crop.

BRAINARD, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—This vicinity was last night visited by a much-needed rain, .53 of an inch falling during the night. This will greatly help the corn crop, as it is the first rain in seven weeks.

EDGAR, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—This part of Nebraska was blessed with a good rain last evening. The storm was accompanied by brilliant lightning and heavy thunder, and was the first thunder storm in the fall of the year. It will greatly improve the condition of the corn crop and pastures.

GENEVA, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Last night heavy clouds with thunder and lightning and some wind, came from the northwest and rain fell .27 inch. It was welcome, as the corn needed it badly. The atmosphere is cool this morning and rain still threatens. Only one-third of an inch fell during the night.

ST. PAUL, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—This vicinity was blessed with a fine shower of rain last evening, amounting to .55 inch, which will do a great deal of good for the corn crop.

ASHLAND, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—A heavy rain fell here last night. It commenced raining about 11 o'clock and continued to shower at intervals during the night. The threatened failure of a corn crop is no more. The rain is general throughout the state.

MCCOOL, JUNCTION, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—The first rain since July 2 fell here last night. Twenty-five hundredths of an inch was recorded by the rain gauge. With plenty of moisture from now on corn will make about half a crop. What is yielding about twenty-five to thirty bushels per acre.

BRADSHAW, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—On Saturday a shower visited this section of Nebraska, nicely laying the dust and relieving vegetation and cooling the atmosphere. Last night about one-half inch fell and at this writing it is raining. The clouds are quite dark and heavy, threatening rain at any moment. Farmers are feeling jubilant over the prospect that their corn crop has been saved.

ORD, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—The long spell of dry weather (thirty-one days) was broken yesterday by a heavy rain which seems to have fallen generally all over the country. It came too late to be of much benefit to corn, as a great deal of it has been so badly burned as to be only fit for fodder and the best of it will only make half a crop. A nice shower of wheat was put in this season, one estimate being 150,000 acres, so that the crop will not be larger than last year, but the yield per acre will not be more than half an average crop. The quality is good, but the kernels are small and shriveled. The first threatening of the season by Mr. T. Garrison showed the wheat to be light in weight. It brought 45 cents per bushel at the elevator.

NELIGH, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Rain has been falling nearly every day since Friday morning. The corn will make a full crop and fall pasture is abundant. Small grain is yielding well.

DUNCAN, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Another nice rain fell here last night. Farmers are jubilant over prospects for corn and old corn is commencing to move again.

SEWARD, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Thirty-nine hundredths of an inch of rain fell in the vicinity last night with good prospects of getting more. Small grain has either been threshed or in the stack and therefore will not suffer from the rain. Corn was beginning to show the effects of the drought, but the rain last night will insure a fair crop providing hot winds do not follow. Early planted corn seems to have suffered the most.

GOTHENBURG, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Another fine shower of rain has prevailed here this evening and has so thoroughly soaked the ground that the corn crop is assured in this vicinity.

THATCHER, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—A long looked for heavy rain came last night. It rained for three or four hours. The ground is well soaked. Some corn will be greatly helped while some fields seem past redemption.

NORTH LOUP, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—The long dry spell was broken by a fine rain Monday evening, which extended over a large portion of central Nebraska. This will help out the corn crop immensely.

ELWOOD, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Last night the long looked-for rain came and the corn crop is assured. Light showers have kept the corn well watered. Locality in good growing condition and the heavy rain of last night will make the crop. This county has raised more small grain this year than ever before in its history.

LITCHFIELD, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—The much needed rain came last evening and came in abundance. It rained steadily for three hours. The ground is thoroughly soaked. Prospects are good for an average crop of corn. Some threshing is done, but will be stopped for several days. Small grain is turning out better than was expected.

OGALLALA, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Good heavy showers of rain have been falling here the past twenty-four hours.

FRANKLIN, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—A good rain is falling here tonight. Corn was needing rain, but so far it is not hurt in the least. Farmers report that corn never was in better condition than at the present time and with the present rain last year's crop will be duplicated. All are jubilant.

BLOOMINGTON, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Incoming corn gets over an inch of rain tonight, which insures a good corn crop. Farmers are jubilant and old corn will now be marketed as soon as they get through threshing small grain, which is yielding well.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Merick county is getting a soaking rain tonight.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—A heavy rain fell here from 5 to 9 o'clock this evening. The precipitation being one and a half inches. More than two inches of rain has fallen since Saturday morning. It assures the corn crop but will delay wheat harvest, as the late varieties are not cut yet.

Soldier Boy in Trouble.

KEARNEY, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—A few weeks ago Jack Liebee, a Kearney boy and a member of Company A, Nebraska volunteer infantry, now at Chickamauga, came home without leave to see his relatives. After being here a few days he started to return, but when at St. Louis learned he was wanted to be court-martialed for desertion and came back to Nebraska. Yesterday he came to Kearney and was immediately arrested by Major Hoover, who happened to be here on furlough. The officers at Chickamauga went immediately notified and this afternoon Major Hoover received word to hold Liebee until an army officer could arrive and take him to Fort Omaha, where he will be held until further orders. It is believed here that Liebee does not realize the position he has got himself into and that he had no intention of doing anything wrong.

Mr. Littlefield Explains.

DUNBAR, Neb., Aug. 1.—To the Editor of the Bee: I trust that you will extend the customary courtesy of your columns to correct a statement made in The Daily Bee of August 1 regarding one of the fusion candidates for the legislature from this county made by your correspondent from Nebraska City. Your correspondent says:

Reed is a man of no settled occupation. He and B. S. Littlefield conducted the Progress, the populist paper that was started here in 1894, and which was published in a short time for lack of patronage. Suits against the stockholders, who are a number of wealthy populist farmers of the county, are now pending to recover some of the losses of this newspaper venture.

Mr. Reed was never connected with the Progress, not even as a stockholder, but is a prosperous farmer in good circumstances. The debts of the old Progress publishing company have all been paid in full and no suits were ever brought against any of the stockholders for any purpose whatever.

B. S. LITTLEFIELD.

Prosperous Pythians.

BLAIR, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Garfield Lodge No. 6, Knights of Pythias, of Blair, has, during the last six months, added fifteen members to its already large list of membership. In honor of the event a banquet was served last evening. Rev. Green, as toastmaster, introduced H. M. Boydston of Nebraska City, G. C., who responded to the toast, "Pythianism." Will L. Seism, editor of the Knights' Journal, to "Order," and V. G. W. Young, to the toast, "Pythianism." Other toasts were responded to by visiting and resident brothers.

Court Adjourns.

WEST POINT, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Judge Evans opened the adjourned special term of the Cumming county district court this morning. The case of the rival claimants for the office of county clerk is now on trial on demurrer proceedings. The issues are now made up and it is expected that a decision will be arrived at at this session. The matter is being very bitterly contested and both sides have engaged eminent attorneys.

An Appeal to the Supreme Court is confidently looked for whichever side the decision may favor.

Elevator at Gothenburg.

GOTHENBURG, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—The Omaha Elevator company is on the ground today and are digging and laying a foundation for the erection of a 20,000-bushel elevator which will be pushed toward completion as fast as possible. More than 37,000 acres of wheat that will average fifteen bushels to the acre are tributary to this plant and fully 50,000 acres of small grain of all kinds.

G. A. R. Reunion.

FALLS CITY, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Great preparations are being made for the district Grand Army of the Republic and Women's Relief Corps reunion to be held in this city August 10 to 12 inclusive. A large crowd is expected and the committee in charge promise a good time to those who come. The reunion will be held on the old fair grounds in the east part of the city and will be known as Camp Nelson A. Miles.

Horses Punished.

NELIGH, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—A town owned by B. Lookaugh was burned yesterday by a fire that broke out for the action of the hose companies, threatened to reach to the business portion of the town. The sheds of the Weir livery were a mass of flames and only the charred remains of the building were left standing. The team, both of St. Edward, were married at Columbus by insurance.

Plows Up a Shell.

DUNCAN, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—A four-inch shell badly rusted-ate was plowed up on William Ernst's farm near Duncas. It appears to have been in the ground for a great many years and its origin is a mystery. It was found about 100 feet from the old California trail and may have been dropped by some early garrison going overland to the forts.

Teachers' Institute.

CHAPPELL, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—The Deuel county teachers' institute opened here this morning with a good attendance. The instructors are Prof. A. H. Waterhouse and George E. Condra, both of Lincoln, Neb.

Chief Steals a Buggy.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—A thief and a very clever bugger here last night, stealing it from the barn of Grant Bright. The sheriff is after the property.

BEATEN ALMOST TO DEATH

Two Women and a Child the Victims of a Mysterious and Murderous Assault.

BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 2.—A mysterious assault, which may result in a triple murder, was made upon a family residing in the lower part of the city early this morning. The victims are:

Mrs. Hannah Lillis, widow, aged 32.

Winnie Lillis, aged 7.

Mrs. Beale Whetler, aged 29.

Mrs. Whetler, who separated from her husband, boarded with Mrs. Lillis, who, with her three children, lived at 211 South Lemmas alley, near the wharves. Shortly after daybreak the police heard cries of "murder" and hastening to the house, found the women and the little girl bleeding and unconscious from wounds about the head, evidently inflicted with the blunt end of an axe. The only persons who were able to furnish any information regarding the crime were two Bohemians, who claim to have seen a negro leave the house and who set up the outcry, which alarmed the police. All the victims are in the hospital, and the physicians think they have little chance of recovery. No motive can be assigned for the crime.

Petroleum Factory in Smoke.

DUNKIRK, France, Aug. 2.—A terrible fire broke out today in the reservoirs of the Dunkirk petroleum factory. There were three explosions, in which one person was killed and three were injured. The fire is still raging fiercely and many buildings are threatened with destruction.

Work of Incendiaries.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 2.—The town of Center Ridge, a place of about 500 people, in Conway county, has been entirely destroyed by fire. Only two dwellings were saved. The fire is thought to have been the work of incendiaries.

Receivers for Insurance Company.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Aug. 2.—Henry F. Walton and J. Bayard Henry of Philadelphia were today appointed receivers of the State Insurance company of Philadelphia and directed to file a bond for \$25,000.

WEATHER CROP BULLETIN

Last Week in Nebraska Unusually Dry and Abnormally Cold.

CORN STANDS THE DROUTH SPLENDIDLY

Observers Take an Optimistic View of the Outlook, Only Asking the Rain, Which Has Already Fallen for Them.

United States Department of Agriculture climate and crop service of the weather bureau, weekly crop bulletin, the Nebraska section for the week ending Monday, August 2, at 8 a. m.:

Rainfall chart for the week ending 8 a. m. August 1.

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"No," said Mr. Reed, "let me have my way once," and the convention broke into laughter. Mr. Reed then spoke as follows: I am very grateful for your continued kindness to me, and being in Portland, it is not unsuitable for me to come here and say so. I have no other purpose than this. A newspaper the other day announced that I had opened the campaign for congress. I am not so sure. I shall not open any campaign for the simple reason that there seems to be no campaign to open.

In this district there appears to be the far greater harmony in both parties as to the great issues of the past, and I shall leave to somebody else the task of disturbing it. All over the country there is a dearth of political feeling. I never knew less of it in all the years in which I have known of such things. To me this seems fortunate for the country. I do not refer to the war alone. The war is taking care of itself, and seems likely to be soon finished by the fighting and the platters, quieted, and not diminished by thirty-three years of peace; and by the skill of our naval gunners, engineers and sailors, which skill the general education of our people seems to have wonderfully increased. The unflinching courage of both soldiers and sailors is a cause of pride to every American.

The problem after the war will be the most troublesome and will demand the most earnest efforts of us all. For my part, I hope that the peace will be a permanent one, and that our time-honored and dearly bought institutions, and with the traditions of our wise forefathers.

After adopting resolutions endorsing Mr. Reed and endorsing the war, the convention last June, the convention adjourned.

SEA IS GIVING UP ITS DEAD

Bodies from the Wrecked La Bourgogne Seen Floating on the Surface.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—The steamship Westernland arrived today and those on board report that when sixty miles off Sable island and within about one mile of the spot where the La Bourgogne went down, on July 14, the bodies of twenty-six men and two women were floating in the water. It was a significant fact that almost all of the bodies of the men floating with life belts on were sailors. Passengers seemed to have no life belts, and therefore sank.

The steamship Hawatha, which went out from New York to identify the dead of the La Bourgogne, was sighted by the Westernland, in the neighborhood of this human wreckage, and was engaged in the work for which it was sent out. As the Westernland passed the crew on one of the boats from the Hawatha were removing the life belts from two bodies.

HYMENEAL.

Brother of German Emperor.

COBURG, Aug. 2.—Duke Ernest Günther of Schleswig-Holstein, brother of the emperor of Germany, was married at the Court church here today to Princess Dorothea Maria Margareta Augustine Louise of Saxe-Coburg. The wedding breakfast was served in the throne room of the palace.

Olesea-Rankin.

ST. EDWARD, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Miss Lela Rankin and Mr. P. B. Olesea, both of St. Edward, were married at Columbus Sunday, Rev. Olcott officiating.

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Greely—Corn growing, but needs rain; grain about all cut.

Hall—Winter wheat good; corn needs rain very much.

Howard—Small grain not so good as expected; corn needs rain badly; some considerably damaged by the drought.

Loup—Wheat being cut, good crop; hay crop good; corn looks well.

Maricopa—Wheat good; corn needs rain badly; potatoes damaged by drought.

Nance—Corn has suffered from drought; potatoes a light crop; harvesting about all done from this place this season.

Sherman—Corn badly damaged by drought and pastures are drying up; harvest over and grain an average crop.

Valley—Corn needs rain badly; harvest nearly over, some stacked.

Wheeler—Harvesting nearly done; grain light; grass good; corn looks well.

Southwestern Section.

Adams—Corn keeps green and is making ears on nearly all stalks.

Chase—Very hot; corn is all right, but needs rain.

Dundy—Nothing has suffered much, but rain is needed.

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START ON CATTLE SHIPMENTS

More Beef Animals and a Less Number of Feeders Coming from South Dakota.

PIERRE, S. D., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—The first range shipment of beef cattle are expected to start from this city next Saturday. Cattle are reported to be in excellent shape all over the range, and shipments will become numerous from this time on. It is not likely that as many cattle will go out from this place this season as last, but the beef shipments will probably be fully as great if not greater, on account of the high price for this grade of cattle. Feeders are not in the demand they were last year, and the price is lower. This is the result of so many new men going into this branch of cattle speculation last year and losing money on their venture by paying too high a price for their feeders on the range.

Kansas Wheat Crop.

TOPEKA, Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Reports from all portions of Kansas indicate that the wheat yield this year will equal if not surpass the crop of last year, when 51,000,000 bushels were raised. The quality of much of the crop, however, will be less than first grade. The crop in some of the big wheat counties will not be as large, nor the quality as good, as last year, but this will be offset by the crop in counties that have not heretofore been regarded as wheat counties. In the northern part of the state, where only corn has been raised for years, the farmers this year have a heavy wheat crop. John Breidenbach, who has resided extensively over the state during the past two months, says that the crop this year will aggregate 70,000,000 bushels. He bases these figures on personal interviews with wheat growers in all sections, together with the fact that there were 1,000,000 more acres harvested this year than last.

May Accept Dawes Treaty.

SOUTH MALESTER, I. T., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—At a meeting by the Creek Indians at Okmulgee, Oklahoma, were passed asking the chief to issue a proclamation calling for an election to either ratify the treaty with the Dawes commission or accept the Curtis bill. It is believed the Creeks will accept the Dawes treaty, as it gives them a title deed for 180,000 acres of land and allows them to retain a portion of their government land until final settlement of all claims and questions between them and the United States government has been determined; while the Curtis bill gives them only an indefinite amount of land without a government title and retains all royalties on mineral lands, allowing them only the use of the surface.

Raspberry Crop in Utah.

SPRINGVILLE, Utah, Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Springville fruit growers have just harvested their raspberry crop for the season of 1898. The crop was not as large as it would have been if there had been plenty of water for irrigation purposes. The crop at that account was probably one-third. But after all, Springville is able to make a fair showing. There have been over 5,000 cases, about 52,000 quarts, of raspberries exported from this enterprising little city, for which the crop has received an average of \$1.00 per quart. The crop is the best of the season, putting into the pockets of the farmers the sum of \$5,000.

Board of Equalization.

PIERRE, S. D., Aug. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The state board of equalization today put in most of the time on the telephone assessments, making little if any changes in lines. The increase in mileage has been large, greatly increasing the total assessment. The railroad commissioners appeared before the board today and were questioned on values of different systems. The representatives of the different roads are mostly here and will make statements to the board tomorrow.

Turn from Gold to Coal.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Aug. 2.—Letters received here state that many prospectors between Copper River and Cook Inlet, Alaska, have abandoned their search for gold and are locating coal claims. The country is said to be a mass of coal, which is claimed to be an excellent quality of lignite. Near Graham Bay W. A. Moore found a deserted coal mine with appliances that had evidently been worked by Russians before Alaska was ceded to the United States.

Laramie County Assessment.

LARAMIE, Wyo., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—The assessment roll of Laramie county for the present year has been completed by the county clerk. It shows the values of lands and improvements in the county to be \$1,126,255; new lots, \$1,000; improvements, \$1,648,755; live stock, \$1,609,124.75; miscellaneous property, \$405,867.25; total, \$4,185,042. This does not include railroad and telegraph property.

Democratic Convention.

CASPER, Wyo., Aug.